

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action dated January 14, 2009, included a restriction/election requirement set forth as follows:

Group I: Claims 91-102, 133, and 140, drawn to an electroconductor.

Group II: Claims 103-132 and 134, drawn to a coating method.

Group III: Claims 135-139, drawn to a coating device.

In response, while not acknowledging the Examiner's positions with respect to the determined claim groupings, as well as the restriction requirement itself, Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, the claims of **Group I (91-102, 133 and 140)**, so that the application can be picked up for examination as soon as possible.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that claims 103-132 and 134-139 be withdrawn.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the withdrawn claims at a future time.

CONCLUSION

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this Response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Applicant believes no additional fees are due with the filing of this Response, except for the fee for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Restriction Requirement. However, if any additional fees are required or if any funds are due, the Director is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number: **50-0311**, Customer Number: **35437**, Reference Number: **35938-501**.

Respectfully submitted,



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